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SUBJ: UN ADMINISTRATION: COMITE ON CONFERENCES

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1. SUMMARY: AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, THERE ARE MORE MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN EARLY JUNE 1976 IN NEW YORK THAN UN CONFERENCE FACILITIES ARE ABLE TO SERVICE. COMITE ON CONFERENCES MEETS FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 6, END SUMMARY

2. UN SECRETARIAT HAS JUST ISSUED DOCUMENT (A/AC.172/6/ADD.1), GIVING CURRENT STATUS OF JUNE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS. WE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO MENTION OF HABITAT CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER. RELEVANT TEXT FOLLOWS:

"4. THE AD HOC COMITE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM (SEE A/AC.162/6, ITEM A) HAS DECIDED TO MEET AS FOLLOWS:

11 FEBRUARY-3 MARCH 1976

1-11 JUNE 1976

IF ITEM B OF DOCUMENT A/AC.172/6 WERE IMPLEMENTED, THE AD HOC COMITE COULD MEET FROM 1 TO 4 JUNE 1976.

HOWEVER, IN ORDER FOR THE COMITE TO MEET FROM 7 TO 11 JUNE, CONFIDENTIAL

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IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO MAKE SOME CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT CONSULTATIONS BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE BODIES MEETING DURING THAT PERIOD (TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, SPECIAL COMITE ON DECOLONIZATION, UNITED NATIONS BOARD OF AUDITORS, ACABQ AND THE COMITE ON CONTRIBUTIONS) TO SEE IF RESCHEDULING OR POSTPONEMENT OF ANY OF THEIR MEETINGS IS POSSIBLE".

"5. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL HAS REQUESTED THE COMITE ON CONFERENCES TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF PROLONGING THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMITE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION SO THAT IT WOULD MEET FROM 10 MAY TO 11 JUNE 1976, IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO ALLOW ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR AN EXTENDED SESSION OF THE COMITE (SEE A/AC.172/6, ITEM C(C)). THE COMITE CAN BE SERVICED FROM 10 TO 28 MAY 1976, HOWEVER, FOR THE PERIOD 1 TO 11 JUNE, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT CONSULTATIONS BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THOSE BODIES THAT ARE MEETING DURING THAT PERIOD (SEE PARA 4 ABOVE) TO SEE IF A RESCHEDULING OR POSTPONEMENT OF THEIR MEETINGS IS POSSIBLE."

3. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES AD HOC COMITE ON RESTRUCTURING IS IMPORTANT FOR FUTURE OF UN AND MISSION FEELS US SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE WHICH MIGHT BE SEEN AS FOOT-DRAWING, ALTHOUGH WE COULD PROBABLY ACCEPT DELAY PROPOSED BY OTHERS. SINCE MANY PARTICIPANTS IN RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE WILL ALSO BE DELEGATES TO UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AND/OR ECOSOC, ANY EFFORT TO HOLD IT LATER IN JUNE OR JULY WOULD PROBABLY BE A NON-STARTER.

4. LIKEWISE, BOARD OF AUDITORS (BOA) SCHEDULE IS TIGHTLY CONTROLLED BY SCHEDULE OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AND THEIR PUBLICATION IN TIME FOR MEETINGS OF VARIOUS GOVERNING BODIES. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE IS LITTLE FLEXIBILITY IN BOA SCHEDULE WITHOUT ADVERSE IMPACT ON IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF FINANCIAL REVIEW.

5. ACABQ, LIKE BOARD OF AUDITORS, HAS FAIRLY RIGID SCHEDULE DUE TO WORKLOAD AND DEADLINES, ALTHOUGH ONE WEEK RECESS IN JUNE BETWEEN OVERSEAS AND NEW YORK MEETINGS PROBABLY COULD BE ARRANGED IF NECESSARY.

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6. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IS PRINCIPAL ORGAN OF UN AND PLANS ARE MADE FOR IN ADVANCE. FURTHERMORE, SINCE US IS SOLE REMAINING ADMINISTERING POWER, ANY SUGGESTION FOR CHANGE IN SCHEDULE SHOULD COME FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN US. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TC SECRETARY IS SEEKING POSTPONEMENT OF TC SESSION TO LATE JUNE. US DEL IS FLEXIBLE.

7. OBVIOUSLY, SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE. IT SEEMS TO MISSION THAT

A LOGICAL FIRST CANDIDATE FOR POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION SHOULD BE SPECIAL COMITE ON DECOLONIZATION. FOR TACTICAL REASONS, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE ANY INITIATIVE TO THIS END MUST BE LEFT TO OTHER DELEGATIONS. ARGUMENT WOULD BE THAT BODIES WHICH ARE NORMALLY STAFFED BY NEW YORK MISSION PERSONNEL SHOULD YIELD TO OTHER BODIES WHICH INCOLVE ADVANCE TRAVEL PLANNING BY MANY GOVERNMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS.

8. SECOND POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR RESCHEDULING COULD BE COMITE ON CONTRIBUTIONS. WHILE ITS SCHEDULE INVOLVES TRAVEL FROM CAPITALS, IT IS A SMALL BODY AND PERHAPS A SMALL ADJUSTMENT COULD BE MADE TO MOVE IT EARLIER OR LATER BY A WEEK OR TWO.

9. THIRD CANDIDATE FOR PARTIAL YIELDING COULD BE COMITE ON PROGRAM AND COORDINATION (CPC), WHICH COULD PROBABLY ACCOMPLISH ITS WORK IN FOUR WEEKS INSTEAD OF FIVE, ALTHOUGH THREE WEEKS WOULD DEFINITELY BE INADEQUATE. PERHAPS IT COULD START ON MAY 3 INSTEAD OF MAY 10, BUT BEFORE WE OFFER TO CEDE ANY TIME FOR CPC, WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND OTHER CANDIDATES, SINCE US INITIATIVE ON EVALUATION IS SLATED FOR CONSIDERATION THERE.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING DETAILS CONCERNING CONFLICTING DEMANDS ON UN CONFERENCE SERVICES, MISSION INTENDS TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAS 7, 8 AND 9 ABOVE UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY.

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